



**South Addition Community Council
DRAFT Minutes
October 24, 2019 Meeting**

I. Called to Order

Executive Committee Members Present: Moira Gallagher, President, Hans Thompson, Vice President, Ruth Ann Jennings, Secretary, Cathleen Hahn, Secretary, Jeff Manfull, Member-at-Large and FCC Representative, and John Thurber, Member-at-Large.

Others Present: See attached attendance sheet.

Approval of Agenda: A motion made and passed to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2019 SACC meeting as amended.

II. Reports

- A. **President Report:** Moira Gallagher, asked everyone to put up holiday lights for safety and festivity.
- B. **V.P. Report:** Hans Thompson reported on the clearing of the wooded area north of 16th and east of Valley of the Moon Park for the building of a youth education center.
- C. **Treasurer Report:** Report issued quarterly.
- D. **Police Department / Fire Department Reports:** No report.
- E. **Assembly Member Report:** Assemblyman Chris Constant reported that: the budget is under review; his proposed charter amendment, intended to even up Municipal District 1's representation with all other districts; Municipality's additional shelter services and the recently announced \$40 million private-public partnership donation. Mr. Constant discussed the opinion issued by an AK Superior Court judge, effectively condemning the Governor's budget cuts to the public defenders' office and chastising the system for using Anchorage's jail as a de facto mental health institution. He reported that John Rodda, Parks and Recreation Director, was retiring. Director Rodda is very admired and respected for his tenure with the Municipality. Other topics discussed included public safety, dedicated law enforcement to the Municipalities trail system, and the continuing issue of illegal camping & homelessness within the District.
- F. **Legislature:** Mercedes Colbert, Senator Begich's office, provided a report. No third Special Session will be called as a replacement for Senator Chris Birch, who passed away earlier this year, has yet to be approved; the battle over the amount of the PFD will not be taken up this year; and Senator Begich is hosting a round table on the issue of homelessness.
- G. **School Board:** No report.
- H. **Federation of Community Councils (FCC) Report:** Jeff Manfull, FCC representative, reported that Chief Dahl attended the last meeting and expressed his personal embarrassment over the recent behavior of some Anchorage police



officers. He reported that vehicle theft is down and that police are having more of a presence on the highways. FCC will not forward any political material to FCC's email list.

III. Council Business

A. Old business: Maeve Nevins-Lavtar provided a thorough report on the plans for updating Elderberry Park and the M Street access to the Coastal Trail.

A motion was made to approve the following resolution:

“A Resolution of the South Addition Community Council Urging the Municipality of Anchorage to Assure Adequate Emergency Shelter for Illegal Cam Abatement, Effective Prevention and Enforcement of Public Nuisance and Criminal Laws for Illegal Camp Abatement and Public Accountability.”

The motion carried 10 yeas, 0 nos, and 2 abstains.

IV. Open Community Comments

SB 91 was discussed.

V. Next Executive meeting

November 14, 2019.

VI. Next Regular meeting

November 21, 2019, Anchorage Lutheran Church.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made and passed unanimously to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

VOLUNTARY, ANNUAL DUES is \$5.00